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## In re:

Serial #: 09/756,688  
For: Removable Bearing Assemblies  
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Inventor: Richard L. Fisher  
GAU: 3617  
Examiner: Avila  
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DECLARATION OF BRIAN BELL

I, Brian Bell, declare as follows:

1. I am a citizen of the United States and reside at 2378 Wildlife Court, Richfield, WI, 53076.
2. I have been employed by Cedar Lake Sales for approximately 15 years. Cedar Lake Sales has been in the business of selling marine mud motors or motors for mud boats to consumers for approximately 5 years. Cedar Lake Sales also provides maintenance and repair services for marine mud motors or motors for mud boats, and has been providing such maintenance and repair services for approximately 5 years. *(Cedar Lake Sales has been in business 30 years)*
3. I have been involved in the purchase and sales and service of such marine mud motors or motors for mud boats for approximately 5 years. Over the years I have sold and serviced hundreds of mud motors, a.k.a motors for mud boats, as well as discussed these motors with owners, operators, salespeople and manufacturers of such motors.
4. Those of ordinary skill in the art, including myself, recognize the words "marine mud

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motor" as accurately and interchangeably describing the marine propulsion system 100 illustrated in figure 1 of the above referenced pending patent application.

5. Those of ordinary skill in the art, including myself, recognize the words "elongate drive tube" as accurately and interchangeably describing the casing 140 illustrated in figure 1 of the above referenced pending patent application.
6. Those of ordinary skill in the art, including myself, recognize the words "drive shaft" as accurately and interchangeably describing the propeller shaft 130 illustrated in figure 1 of the above referenced pending patent application.
7. Those of ordinary skill in the art, including myself, recognize the words "drive assembly housing" as accurately and interchangeably describing the bearing housing 210 illustrated in figure 2 of the above referenced pending patent application.
8. Those of ordinary skill in the art, including myself, recognize the words "seal cap" as accurately and interchangeably describing the cover 220 illustrated in figure 2 of the above referenced pending patent application.
9. Those of ordinary skill in the art, including myself, recognize the words "drive assembly" as accurately and interchangeably describing the sealed bearing unit 200 illustrated in figure 1 of the above referenced pending patent application.
10. Those of ordinary skill in the art, including myself, recognize the words "a bearing in rotational communication *between* the drive assembly housing and the drive shaft" do not require that the bearing be in rotational communication solely with the drive assembly housing. The location and operation of bearings 260 - 264 as illustrated in the figures of the above referenced pending patent application are recognized as being in rotational communication *between* the drive assembly housing and drive shaft to those of ordinary

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skill in the art, and one skilled in the art would be able to recognize the identity and be enabled.

11. Those of ordinary skill in the art, including myself, recognize the words "a seal contained within the drive assembly housing, configured to restrict contaminants from entering the drive assembly housing" as accurately and interchangeably describing the description in the above referenced pending patent application of water being prevented from entering, and that in fact water is a contaminant and is recognized and understood by those of ordinary skill in the art as not only being a contaminant, but also being the vehicle through which additional contaminants are transported.

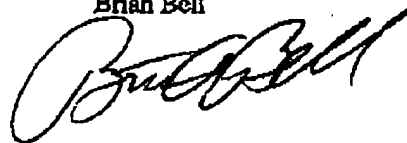
I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements, and the like so made, are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize that validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Dated: February \_\_\_\_\_, 2004

*March 3*

Signed:

Brian Bell



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